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24. (NEW) The heat exchanger of claim 12, wherein the mutual spacing is between 20 and 30 mm.

## **REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to place the application into better condition for examination. Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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- 1. (Amended) A method for producing a heat exchanger [(23, 33, 59)] having a flow-through chamber [(29)] for a heat transfer medium, in which two walls [(13, 15), in particular of sheet copper,] are disposed facing one another and are joined to make a hollow body [(23, 33, 59)] through which a medium can flow, and the walls are fastened to one another at a plurality of connecting points [(11)] inside [the] a surface between [the] edges of the hollow body [(23, 33, 59), characterized in that], the two walls [(13, 15) are] being made to mesh with one another inside the surface between the edges of the hollow body [(23, 33, 59)] by material deformation [of the material].
- 2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the material deformation is performed in punctate fashion, [preferably] with a diameter of from 3 to 6 mm.
- 3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 [or 2, characterized in that], wherein at least one [and preferably both walls are] wall is provided with circular indentations, and [the] connections are made in [the] a region of the indentations with spacing on all sides from [the] an edge thereof.

- 4. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1-3, characterized in that] <u>claim 1</u>, <u>wherein</u> the <u>two</u> walls are preshaped prior to being joined.
- 5. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1-5, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the hollow body [(23, 33, 59)] is exposed to an internal pressure that is elevated compared to [the] an external pressure.
- 6. (Amended) The method of [one of claims 1-5, characterized in that the] <u>claim 1</u>, <u>wherein</u> denticulation of the <u>two</u> walls is stabilized by pressing on a ring around the <u>material</u> deformation and inserting a disk in the <u>material</u> deformation.
- 7. (Amended) A heat exchanger [(23, 33, 59)] with two joined[-]together walls [(13, 15)] and between them a flow-through chamber [(29)] for a heat transfer medium, in which the walls [(13, 15)] are joined together at a plurality of connecting points [(11)] inside [the] a surface between [the] edges of the heat exchanger [(23, 33, 59), characterized in that] wherein the walls [(13, 15)] are made to mesh with one another at the connecting points [(11)] inside the surface between the edges of the heat exchanger and are fastened to one another by means of [these] denticulations [(11)].

- 8. (Amended) The heat exchanger of claim 7, [characterized in that the mutual] wherein denticulations [(11)] of the walls [(13, 15)] are embodied annularly.
- 9. (Amended) The heat exchanger of claim 8, [characterized in that] comprising a ring [(82)] encompassing [the] <u>a</u> toothed place [(11) is provided].
- 10. (Amended) The heat exchanger of [one of claims 7-9, characterized in that] <u>claim</u>

  7, wherein the denticulations [(11)] are produced by an upsetting-pressing process and without penetration of [the] sheet metal <u>used to form the walls</u>.
- 11. (Amended) The heat exchanger of [one of claims 7-10, characterized in that] claim 7, wherein at least one wall comprises sheet copper[, in particular] with a thickness of from 0.3 to 0.8 mm[, preferably 0.5 to 0.65 mm].
- 12. (Amended) The heat exchanger of [one of claims 7-11, characterized in that] claim 7, wherein the denticulations [(11)] are disposed with a mutual spacing of from 10 to 50 mm[, and preferably of between 20 and 30 mm].

- 13. (Amended) The heat exchanger of [one of claims 7-12, characterized in that] claim 7, wherein the denticulations [(11)] are disposed in at least one of rows [or] and in a grid pattern.
- 14. (Amended) The heat exchanger of [one of claims 7-13, characterized in that] claim 7, wherein the denticulations [(11)] are disposed inside an approximately circular indentation [(59)] of the [wall] walls.
- 15. (Amended) [The use of a] A compression-molding sheet-metal joining method for mutual punctate fastening [(11)] of two parallel walls [(13, 15)] that enclose a flow-through chamber [(29)] of a heat exchanger.
- 16. (Amended) A construction kit for a heat exchanger system, [having] comprising:

  a plurality of heat exchangers [as defined by one of claims 6-12]; and [having]

  connecting elements for the connections of the heat exchangers, each heat exchanger

  having a flow-through chamber for a heat transfer medium, in which two walls are

  disposed facing one another and are joined to make a hollow body through which a

  medium can flow, and the walls are fastened to one another at a plurality of connecting

  points inside a surface between edges of the hollow body, the two walls being made to

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mesh with one another inside the surface between the edges of the hollow body by material deformation.

- 17. (Amended) The construction kit of claim 16, [characterized in that] wherein the connecting elements are plug connectors.
  - 18. (Amended) The construction kit of claim 16 [or 17], having a pump.
- 19. (Amended) The construction kit of [one of claims 16-18] <u>claim 16</u>, having a hotwater tank.
- 20. (Amended) A method for producing a heat exchanger [(23, 33, 59)] having a flow-through chamber [(29)] for a heat transfer medium, in which two sheet metal walls [(13, 15)], are disposed facing one another and are joined together to make a hollow body [(23, 33, 59)] capable of experiencing a flow through it, and the walls are fastened to one another at a plurality of connecting points [(11)] inside [the] a surface between the edges of the hollow body [(23, 33, 59), characterized in that] wherein in at least one [and preferably both] of the walls [(13, 15)] at the connecting points [(11)] inside the surface between [the] edges of the hollow body [(23, 33, 59)], circular indentations [(59)] that provide reinforcement by deformation of [the] material are shaped out, and the [sheet-metal] two

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walls are [subsequently] joined together inside these indentations [(59)] by means of at least one of a material engagement [or] and a positive engagement.